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METHOD FOR DRIVING)
A PROCESSING MACHINE)

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Sir:

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The three documents cited in the International Search Report, which is a part of the published PCT application WO 2004/028805 A1 are listed on the PTO/SB/08a form. U.S. patent Nos. 5,947,023 and 5,481,971 and published application No. 2002/124743 are in the English language. No discussion thereof is required.

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English language abstract that was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 42 14 394 is the equivalent of U.S. patent No. 5,309,834. No discussion of that English language document is required.

EP 1 287 987 is the equivalent of U.S. patent No. 6,679,172. No discussion of that English language document is required.

EP 1 151 865 is the equivalent of U.S. patent No. 6,539,860. No discussion of that English language document is required.

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DE 42 10 988 is accompanied by an English language abstract that was obtained from a commercial database.

DD 105 767 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It appears to show a motor control arrangement.

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EP 1 004 437 is the equivalent of U.S. patent No. 6,281,645. No discussion of that English language document is required.

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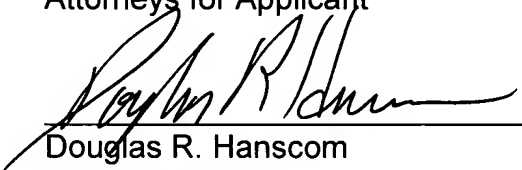
cylinders that are driven by separate motors.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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